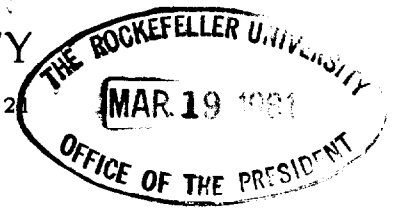




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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
President  
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Dear Josh:

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I am writing on behalf of the University Fellows Committee with regard to Dr. Dyann Wirth. The entire committee was impressed with her as an intelligent, capable, and well-organized young scientist. Her plans to continue to bring the techniques of molecular biology to bear on important problems relating to protozoan parasites would be a significant addition to the university's research efforts. She was also seen by several other faculty members not on the committee, i.e., Jim Darnell, Zan Cohn, and Bill Trager, and they all also felt that she represents an excellent candidate for a position as a University Fellow.

The committee therefore recommends that she be invited to join the faculty, and that negotiations continue toward that end. Because she has several other job possibilities at excellent institutions, it would probably be wise to proceed rather promptly. The impression that several of us had was that she was definitely interested in a position here, and that New York was a plus rather than a minus factor. Her husband is a lawyer, and probably could find suitable opportunities here.

With respect to laboratory affiliation, I think that she has not had enough exposure and time to make specific choices. She did indicate that she could conceivably associate with any one of several labs, ranging from Zinder's to any of the virology labs, to Blobel's. I would think that the next step would be to have her come back and spend a more leisurely visit in some of the possible labs, and at the same time begin to deal with some of the administrative issues such as support.

I am willing to participate in the continuing discussions with her in any way you think appropriate and would be happy to discuss the situation with you if you wish. If you agree that we should proceed, we should probably begin making arrangements soon for a return visit.

Yours sincerely,

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